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Please protect the free-enterprise system that our economy was founded upon and our right to chose by rejecting the NAB's petition 04-160.

why should local stations have the monopoly on traffic and weather reporting? XM radio is a refreshing choice in music and informational programming. Even though local traffic and weather reporting is not available for the Seattle area yet, I look forward to when it does become available. Local stations only give the traffic report once each hour. I welcome the choice of getting the traffic and weather report when I need it, not when the local radio programmer have determined I need it.

When traveling to other major cities, I need TIMELY traffic condition reports through XM radio and not have to search the "band" for a local station and wait for their report (if they have one).

As an amature extra class radio operator (KD7OP0) I respect the right of commercial radio stations by obeying the rules against broadcasting in competition with them. However XM radio is a commercial enterprise and should be allowed to compete on all types of programming.

XM Radio is a subscription service and the subscribers (customers) control the content and type of programming through direct feed back to XM. The customers of public radio are also paying for regular broadcast radio everytime they purchase a product from one of the station's advertizers. Advertizers control the content of public radio.

I believe, that instead of trying to ban a competitor from providing a service, local radio stations and the NAB should use some of their advertizing income to restructure their own programming to meet the needs of the public that is actually paying for it. If the local radio stations were actually providing what the public wanted and needed, then XM would not be much competition.

Again, please reject petition 04-160 and protect the free-enterprise system.

Thank you for your time and concideration.